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## EASTER AT THE CHURCHES

The following will be the order of service and program at the Universalist Church:

8:30 A. M. A sunrise service of joy, praise and devotion under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U.

10:45 A. M. Regular devotional services. Sermon topic, "Gallilean, Thou Hast Conquered." In connection with this service the Girls of the Alpha Zeta Class will give a dramatic rendering of "The Meaning of Easter," written by Mrs. Wolfe. with the following cast:

Voice, Dorothy Hutchins  
Soul, Virginia Goodnow  
Faith, Beatrice Brown  
Nature, Barbara Davis  
Spring, Dorothy Edwards  
Martyr, Pearl Sampson  
Woman, Evelyn Brink

Assisted with music by Miss Dorothy Goodnow and Mrs. Doris Bryant.

12:00 Noon. Regular meeting of the Sunday School.

Notes—As the Y. P. C. U. are conducting the morning sunrise service there will be no evening meeting.

The following program will be given at the Methodist Church on Sunday, April 20, at 7:45 A. M.:

Music, Erland Wentzell  
Greeting, Erland Wentzell  
A Sunbonnet Song, Ruth, Eleanor McKenney, Elizabeth Bean

Sunbonnet Babies, Marjorie Berry, Phyllis Davis, Dorothy Hutchins  
A Stylish Hat, Phyllis McKenney

CANTATA  
Gates Ajar and Hope's Messenger  
Organist, Miss Hazel Arno  
Cornet, Clarence Huff

A Pilgrim, Miss Edna Bean  
Faith, Miss Alice Linnell  
Hope, Miss Elva Poor  
Cross-Bearer, Charles Haselton

The Chorus of Messengers—Mishas Dorothy Haines, Eugenia Haselton, Almeta Wheeler, Esther Lapham, Flora Swan, Gladys Gibbs, Hazel Sawyer  
Solo, If A Man Dies, Miss Edna Bean  
Song, Onward Christian Soldiers, Chorus of Messengers

Scripture Selections, Members of Choir  
Solo, O Cross Upon Mount Calvary, Charles Haselton  
Solo, As Weary Years Go, Miss Edna Bean

Song, The Children Are Safe, Chorus—Primary Grades  
Solo, They Are Not Dead, Miss Elva Poor

Messengers to the Pilgrims  
The Seven Messengers  
Solo, The Holy City, Milan Chapin  
Quartet, Eugenia Haselton, Hazel Sawyer, Elva Poor, Alice Linnell

Song, Who is This? Miss Edna Bean  
Messengers From Beyond The Gates, Chorus—The Heavenly City  
Hymn, By Pilgrim  
Duet, Gates Ajar, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson

Solo, I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, Howard Tyler  
Seven Messengers repeat their message  
Pilgrim Accepts Messengers  
Chorus—Christ, the Lord, is Risen

The following program will be given at the Congregational Church on Sunday evening, April 20, at seven o'clock:

Selection, Chorus  
Responsive Reading, Dorothy Hanson's class  
Prayer, Margaret Carter

Recitation, Song, Primary and Intermediate Classes  
Recitation, Adeline Stearns  
Recitation, Margaret Phelan  
Song, Kathryn Brink

"Little Buds," Girls, Alberta Brooks' Class  
Recitation, Arnold Hallin  
Recitation, Jane Baker  
Recitation, Albert Barker

Song, Eleanor and Elizabeth Lyon  
"Easter Flowers," Girls, Grace Van Den Kerkhofen's Class  
Recitation, Henry Hastings  
Recitation, Bertha Crane  
Selection, Thomas of Gilead  
Reading, "Coming of Easter," Boys, Alberta Brooks' Class

Song, William and Margaret Hall  
Recitation, Richard Marshall  
Song, Barbara Heath  
Recitation, Albert Chapman

"Easter Emblems," Girls, Shirley Brooks' Class  
Recitation, Mary Tibbitts  
Recitation, Mildred Hastings  
Song, Lucia Van Den Kerkhofen

Recitation, Robert Chapman  
Recitation, Ernest Brown  
"Easter Day is Here," Boys, Shirley Brooks' Class  
Song, Junior Boys  
Recitation, Paul Chapman  
Song, Catherine Lyon  
Recitation, Rosalie Thompson  
"Easter Tapers,"

## BETHEL BOYS RETURN FROM AN EXTENSIVE TRIP

Messrs. Ray and Roy Thurston arrived in town Saturday from California where they have been spending the winter.

They left Bethel last October in a Ford touring car, making the trip to Los Angeles, where they spent two weeks. On that trip they went through the White Mountains to Vermont, thence across New York state to Buffalo. Here they crossed at Niagara Falls into Ontario and traveled on Canadian soil to Detroit, Mich. Leaving Detroit, they passed through Toledo, and Chicago, across Iowa to Omaha, Neb. They followed the Lincoln Highway the greater part of the way. From Omaha their route was through Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada to California. They passed through Salt Lake City and rode by the shore of the Lake.

They spent some time in the vicinity of San Francisco and then went south to Los Angeles, where they had employment for a time. Roy was in a garage in Riverside most of the winter.

They left Riverside, March 19, on their return trip. They went to San Diego, from there across the desert, where they found a number of miles of plank road—through Arizona and New Mexico to El Paso, Texas. At this point they crossed into Mexico for a day. From El Paso they went through San Antonio and Houston to New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla. Their next stop was at St. Petersburg, and from there they started north April 1st. On this leg of their journey they touched at Jacksonville, Augusta, Ga., Raleigh, N. C., Richmond, Va., Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, New Haven, Providence, and Boston. They stopped at Portsmouth, N. H. Friday night and arrived in Bethel about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

They have averaged to travel about 150 miles a day—camping in the car or staying at hotels as fancy dictated. They covered 11,000 miles on their trip, including about 2,000 miles' travel while in California. They experienced no trouble whatever in their journey. Only once did they accept assistance, that being in the West where a river was too deep for motor travel and the authorities furnished mules for motive power. They averaged 20 miles per gallon of gasoline, the cost of which varied from 13 cents to 25 cents in different localities. The best roads were found this side of the Mississippi, although California has some excellent highways. They returned with the same front tires, but the rear cords were replaced in Georgia after over 8,000 miles service. They visited 34 States and practically all of the larger cities.

## NOMINATION PAPERS FILED FROM OXFORD COUNTY

The following nomination papers of interest to Oxford County people have been filed:

Harry O. Silensen of Norway, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Albert A. Towne of Norway for representative on the Democratic ticket from the class towns of Norway, Sweden, etc.

Albert D. Park, Republican, for register of probate of Oxford County.

K. Chandler Russell of Fryeburg for state senator from Oxford County on the Republican ticket.

Stanley M. Wheeler of Paris for representative on the Republican ticket from Paris and Oxford.

Edward C. Torrey of Dixfield, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Harry B. McKee of Stoneham, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Frank A. Brown of Bethel for representative on the Republican ticket from Bethel, Albany, etc.

A. M. Boring of Denmark for representative on the Republican ticket from the class towns of Denmark, etc.

Harold C. Fletcher of South Paris for representative on the Democratic ticket from Oxford and Paris.

Primary nomination papers were filed Tuesday at the office of the secretary of state by Cyrus N. Blanchard of Wilton, candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in Congress from the second Congressional District.

There were 22 petitions bearing the signatures of 23 voters in the following places: Rockland, Lewiston, South Paris, Bangor, Dixfield, Farmington, Rockfield, Bethel, Wadsworth, Waldo, Lee, Fryeburg, Leeds, Kingsford, New Castle, Winthrop, Bangor, Wilton, Thompson, South Paris and Oxford.

Mrs. Valentine's class

Recitation, Theodora Brown  
Song, Catherine and Barbara Herrick  
Chorus, Chorus

Recitation, Chorus

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## GRANGE NEWS

### LOVE MT. GRANGE

Love Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting in the hall Saturday with a good attendance. Mr. W. W. Perkins, who has been very ill for several weeks, was present and installed as Overseer. The following program was given by the Lecturer.

Song, Grange  
Reading, Dorothy Baker  
Reading, Olive Akers

Question: "Do we as farmers raise as much of our own food as we should, or do we pay out more than is necessary to the grocer and butcher?" Opened by Mr. Johnson and followed by J. L. Bailey, W. W. Perkins, Samuel Bond and Mrs. Andrews.

Original Reading, Mrs. George Leonard  
Song, Roll call, Hints on Gardening

ALDER RIVER GRANGE  
Alder River Grange, P. of H. No. 145, met in regular session Wednesday evening, April 9, with Master Guy Bartlett presiding, with a good attendance. All assisted in the flag salute. This was followed by roll call of officers. After the usual routine of business worthy Lecturer Robert Hastings reports on receiving the travelling library of twenty-two books which had been ordered by vote. These books treat on agriculture, soil spraying, bookkeeping, forage crops and farm boys and girls; no fiction. It was voted to entertain "Children's night" the first meeting in May, Wednesday evening, May 14. An open meeting will be observed and refreshments served. An interesting program was presented, consisting of music, readings, stories and anecdotes. The following question, "What branch of farming will be the most profitable for the coming season?" was well discussed by the brothers and as usual some sisters.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Fremont Homestead of West Front Street, Showeburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Winona Homestead, to Irving Lee Carver of Bethel. Miss Homestead is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Homestead and was graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1920 and from the Farmington Normal School in 1922 and has since been a successful teacher. She is very popular with a large circle of friends, who will be happy to know of her engagement.

Mr. Carver is a prosperous young business man of Bethel, and is much liked by all of Miss Homestead's friends, who have met him, during his frequent visits at Miss Homestead's home.

## ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. Freeman of Concord, N. H., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Violet E., to Harold L. Bartlett of Bethel—Concord Daily Monitor.

## PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

On Friday last Miss Dorothy Hines com entertained the members of her Sunday School class at the home of her parents on Church Street.

The supper table was prettily decorated with cut flowers and covers laid for eight, with hand made place cards at 6 o'clock. Pleasant stories and witty anecdotes were enjoyed with the dainty supper and in the cheerful living room until half past eight. Mathematical stunts, guessing games and wit sharpening tricks kept the guests busy, lively and highly entertained.

All of the boys declared the occasion one of the most enjoyable ones and are strong in their appreciation for their charming teacher.

Those present were: Ashley T. Haines, Herbert Howe, Edward R. Lee, Arthur Barker, Albert Brown and Theodore James.

## OLIVE CLUB CONCERT

The Olive Club of Gould's Academy will give a social concert in the William Bingham Gymnasium on Friday, April 19. After the program there will be dancing and cards. The program is as follows:

Solo, "Nancy Lee"  
Solo and Chorus, "A Capital Ship"  
Chorus, "Love's Old Sweet Song"  
Solo and Chorus, "Nepheusee"  
Solo and Chorus, "Edvard's Song"  
Chorus, "Star of the Desert"

Solo and Chorus, "When Israel was in Egypt's Land," Frankie Keniston  
Solo, "Green, Green,"  
Solo, "Oxford, Bethel, Fryeburg, Bangor, Wilton"

GOULD'S ACADEMY  
Gould's Academy will open its base ball season on Saturday with a game at Norway with Norway High. Although the team is somewhat handicapped with the temporary loss of Madison Berry, the prospects for a winning team are very good. A large squad responded to the call for candidates and had practice has been the order whenever the weather permitted. Among the veterans of last year's team seeking a berth this year are: Capt. Bob Goddard, Walter Berry, Madison Berry, Frank Keniston, Richard Holmes. New prospects for the team are: Robley Chase, Freddie Philbrick, Arthur Corkery, Rex Sessions, Elmer Stevens, Edward Chase, Kenneth Stanley, Philip Hamlin and Guy Thurston.

The second game of the season is now pending with Woodstock High to be played in Bethel. Following is the season schedule:

April 26, Lisbon Falls at Bethel.  
May 3, Dixfield High at Bethel.  
May 7, Ramfjord High (pending).  
May 10, Dixfield High at Dixfield.  
May 14, Mexico High at Bethel.  
May 21, Norway High at Bethel.  
May 28, Groveton High at Groveton.  
June 5, Gould's Alumni.

At an indoor inter-class track meet held in the William Bingham Gymnasium, the seniors won easily despite the fact that they were seriously handicapped with the loss of their star, Madison Berry. The final scores were: Seniors 39 1/2, Juniors 33, Sophomores 12, Freshmen 1.

Running Broad Jump: Keniston, 23, 10 ft. 10; Sessions, 23, 2nd; W. Berry, 23, 3rd.  
550 Yard Run: C. Swan, 24, 1st, 2:30 1/2; W. Peaslee, 24, 2nd; K. Stanley, 24, 3rd.  
220 Yd. Dash: Sessions, 23, 1st, 3:30; C. Swan, 24, 2nd; C. Brown, 25, tied for 3rd.  
Standing Broad Jump: H. Stearns, 23, 102 in.; R. Holmes, 23, 2nd; W. Berry, 23, 3rd.  
Shot Put, 12 lb.: Keniston, 23, 1st, 37 ft. 4 in.; W. Berry, 23, 2nd; E. Carlsson, 24, 3rd.  
High Jump: E. Moudt, 23, 1st, 5 ft.; C. Swan, 24, 2nd; Keniston, 23, 3rd; H. Stearns, 24, tied for third.  
Pole Vault: Keniston, 23, 1st, 9 ft. 2 in.; Sessions, 23, 2nd; W. Berry, 23, 3rd.  
Class Relay: Seniors 1st, Juniors 2nd, Sophomores 3rd, Freshmen 4th.  
Charles Swan '24 was high point man of the meet with 20 3/4 points; Frank Keniston '23 was second with 15 1/2 points, and Sessions '23 third with 13 1/4 points. Gold medals were presented to the high point men of each class. The medal for the Freshman class went to Howard Wheeler for his interest and energy shown. The silver having cup, trophy of the meet, was presented to the Senior class.

Negotiations are now being made with a view of holding a County Y. M. C. A. Convention in Bethel some time in the near future. We believe this would be a fine thing for Bethel and sincerely hope that the citizens of the town will be interested for their assistance would be indispensable. Further announcements of this will be made as the arrangements are developed. The Academy Y. M. C. A. voted unanimously to support such a convention in every possible way.

Miss Florence Hale of the State Department of Education gave a very interesting and instructive lecture before the Parent Teachers Association at a meeting which was held in the Academy assembly room on Monday evening, April 14. This was a public meeting and among the large number in attendance were many of the Academy upper class students.

The Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. will combine for the purpose of holding a joint Easter service during the regular devotional period on Thursday morning.

## LENTEN SERVICES

April 16, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in Oxford Memorial Chapel. Rev. Mr. Aschbach will preach.

April 17, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Oliver will preach.

April 18, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in the Universalist Church. Rev. Stanley Manning of Gardiner, State Superintendent of the Universalist Churches in Maine, will preach.

## BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harry Jordan spent Friday in Norway.

Mrs. Carrie Arno was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman left for New York, Tuesday.

Mr. E. F. Biscoe was in Portland last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Park was in Portland, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Philbrick, who has been very ill, is improving.

Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick were in Portland last Thursday.

School commenced Monday with the same teachers as last term.

Several from here attended the M. E. Conference in Portland last week.

The National Bank and Savings Bank examiners were in town, Thursday.

Mrs. Percy Flanders was the guest of relatives in South Paris, Thursday.

Mr. L. L. Carver has recently installed a new gas pump and tank at his store.

Mr. Everett Morse of Hastings, Me., is visiting his cousin, Miss Edith Morse.

Miss Nina Briggs of Oxford was a week and guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cates.

Mrs. Taylor of Shelburne, N. H., is spending a few days with Miss Edith Morse.

Mr. George French of Turner, Me., is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Anna French.

Miss Ruth Wheeler and Miss Elsie Annas were visitors in Portland over the week end.

Rev. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Briggs was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wheeler of South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood were called to South Paris, Friday, by the illness of their son, Lester Wood.

Miss Blanche Herrick, who has been spending the winter in Boston, has returned to her home in town.

Mrs. Paul Badger, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Elva Mansfield, returned to her home in Portsmouth, N. H., Monday.

Miss Esther Tyler is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tyler. Mrs. Tyler went to Portland last Friday and accompanied her daughter home.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Kittredge of Portsmouth, N. H., will be sorry to hear of the death of their infant daughter, Alice Wynifred Kittredge, which occurred recently at their home.

At the Ladies' Club, entertained by Mrs. F. E. Hanson, Thursday, Mrs. R. Tibbitts gave an excellent review of the recent book, "Beasts, Men, and Gods" by Ferdinand Olenowski, Polish refugee and scholar.

Friends of Miss Bernice R. Keniston, student of vocal training of Miss Gertrude Damsen of Brookline, Mass., will be interested to know that on April 27, Miss Damsen will give a recital in Boston and has selected one of her best students for the number, of which Miss Keniston is one. This recital will be broadcasted by radio from station WNAO.

Stella A. Merrill celebrated her sixth birthday, April 7th, by entertaining 32 little guests at Orange Hall. The party was from 3 to 5 o'clock, and the time was spent in playing games and dancing. The march was led by the little hostess and Albert Brown. A birthday cake was made and presented to Stella by Mrs. Frank Phil. She was the recipient of many pretty little gifts. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Stella's mother, Mrs. Clifford Merrill. Music, Victoria select. Five o'clock came all too soon and the little guests departed wishing their little hostess many more happy birthdays.

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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

AS JUNE DRAWS NEAR

In Washington this week, Senators are asking one another across their committee tables, what can be done to make up to the country for the absence of legislation from this session of Congress. Representatives in the lower House are expressing the same concern. The evidence is unmistakable that Congress is tightening up its belt and that there will be many new laws passed to whiten up the record before the national political conventions occur in the nervous month of June.

Washington has been having a deluge of investigations. At the present moment the investigating committees are testing a little, content that they have caught a few big rascals, and exposed some rotten corruption in public affairs. Of course public leaders will continue to be tarred. Some of them deserve to be—others do not.

So Washington has turned aside from the all-entitled primrose path, and the injustices born and bred in the Department of Justice, to examine its frontiers, its borders, its internal affairs, and to examine causally into the international relations that remain in the usual "critical stage."

GERMANY CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

The report made by the Dawes committee is lengthy and of great importance in its many aspects, but the outstanding feature of it is that a group of experts, including Owen D. Young, has fixed the facts. Dawes, who made the American phrase, "hell and Marie" famous in France during the world war and followed his successes by putting over the "Budget System" in our own government, has headed its way debts, and has caught that nation with the goods necessary to pay its obligations, sympathizers and apologists for Germany will please take notice! What the next chapter will be no one can say, but if Germany remains true to her record, she will continue to evade her payments, and only forceful measures are likely to bring her to task.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE IDEA

The House of Representatives has adopted the suggestion of Senator Darch that the President of the United States call an international economic and disarmament conference. And Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, is the author of a resolution asking the President to call a World Conference at Brussels concerning the reduction of armaments, clarification of international law, and the establishment of a brand-new world court. Of course these measures have some support, but there is no likelihood of their early approval by the Washington government. Reduction of armament is a constant issue, and so is the World Court, but Darch and Pepper have been reminded by the Democrats that 54 nations representing most of the population and most of the civilized governments of the world are doing business at Geneva, Switzerland, under the League of Nations, and that with our Government and people divided concerning this going-institution, any "world conference" proposals at this time have no prospect of passing. It may be possible that some concrete idea may be evolved that will bring political support to the Republicans who are standing for the Harding proposal of American participation in the World Court, but against this suggestion the friends of the League report: "We saw it first." All that is certain is that these international questions are heating high in the political horizon, and they are certain to have a material bearing on election results in November. So naturally there is haste in Washington, right now, to smother up these political nutcrackers before the national political convention.

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## SCOUT NEWS

No Scout meeting this week on account of Lenten services.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday morning, April 20, there will be a special Easter message and appropriate Easter music.

Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Sunday evening, there will be an Easter program entitled, "The Gates Ajar." You do not want to miss this program. (See notice elsewhere in paper.)

Tuesday, April 22, the class meeting will meet at 7:15 P. M. The class leader will have charge of the service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH  
Spring Street  
Sunday School at 10:45 A. M.  
Sunday services at 10:45 A. M.

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## BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the  
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending April 12, 1924

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Higher prices on Texas cabbage, beets and carrots and Maine potatoes were the chief developments in the week's trading. Reported scarcity of supplies induced a stronger feeling on Texas cabbage and closing prices were 40c higher at mostly \$4. per barrel. Receipts of Texas beets and carrots have been only moderate and good stock closed 25-50c higher; best beets mostly \$2.25 and carrots \$2.50 per bu. basket. After weeks of comparative dullness, Maine Green Mt. potatoes strengthened 5-10c, closing \$1.95-2.00 per 100 lb. bag. Potatoes continued weak, best Yellow stock from Maine, N. Y. and Ind. ranging 75c-2.25 per 100 lb. bag, according to size and quality. California lettuce weakened slightly from prevailing high prices, closing 15.00-1.00 per crate at 15-25 dozen resulting decline in California stock to \$1.00-1.25 per bu. basket while Norfolk Va. stock in barrels ranged \$1.50-2.25 according to quality. California asparagus declined under more liberal receipts, closing mostly \$1.00-1.50 per crate of 12 bunches while South Carolina stock ranged \$1.00-1.50 per crate. Cauliflower continued steady, best Calif. stock ranging \$2.50-3.25 per crate of 12 heads and best Oregon broccoli sold \$2.50-2.75 per crate. Closing prices on other lines follow: Peas, fancy, 42 per crate; eggplant, fancy, 12.50 per crate; tomatoes 6 basket crates, 180s \$1.00-1.25, 210s \$2.00-2.50 per crate, string beans \$2.50-3.00 per 10 lb. basket; Strawberries 21 pint crates 14 Klondike \$1.50-2.00, 21 Fla. Missionaries 20 Netter's 15-20 per qt. Barreled apples continue to move slowly, N. Y. A24s \$1.50-1.75, Baldwin's \$1.00-1.50 per barrel with N. Y. A24s \$1.50-1.75, Baldwin's \$1.00-1.50 per barrel. Florida oranges and grapefruit continued steady, street sales ranging nominally \$2.50 per box on local fruit.

**DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS**  
Dressed poultry firm because of more limited supplies of fresh dressed, and better demand. Fowl 5 lbs. 22-25, 4-1/2 lbs. 22-25, 3-1/2 lbs. 20-22; chickens 5 lbs. 22-25, 4-1/2 lbs. 20-22, 3-1/2 lbs. 18-20; small 18-20. Live poultry firm; Fowl 27c, chicken 24-25c. Butter market has ruled irregular with price fluctuations and closed in a steady position with price tend upward. Buyers took only enough butter for current requirements. Foreign butter continued to arrive 22 score 35c; 50-51 score 35c; 48-49 score 35c; 47 score 35c. Eggs: Market has ruled more or less active. Easter demand and coming Jewish holidays caused prices to gradually work upward, but at the moment, a reaction seems started and Extras 27-28c, extra firsts 26-27c, firsts 24-25c, seconds 23-24c, nearby hen eggs 23-24c and browns up to 21c.

While playing along the ice crusted shore of the Little Androscoggin river, New Auburn, Me., Albert Shaw, 11, stepped out too near the edge and a section of ice about three feet square suddenly broke away, and with the boy still standing on it, was caught in the swift current and swept toward the big river. Albert was too busy keeping his balance on his small iceboat shot through the rapids, bumping and tilting, to make any outcry. Archie Ellis of New Auburn had observed the boy's plight, who had already reached the big river and was on his way to the sea. Ellis put out in a boat and rescued the lad, who appeared not in the least unnerved, but laughed and said it was a "great ride."

Comparative figures of fatal motor vehicle accidents in Massachusetts cities and towns during 1923, made public by Frank A. Goodwin, State Registrar of motor vehicles, show there were no fatal automobile accidents in 300 communities last year. Beverly and Newburyport were the two cities attaining this distinction. The latter city had no fatal automobile accidents either in 1922 or 1923. Last year 573 were killed in automobile accidents in this State. Of that number 110 deaths occurred in Boston. The registration of motor vehicles in 1923 totaled 577,833.

The annual meeting of the New England Cranberry Sales Company was held in Carver Mass., Town Hall with a large representation of growers from all over the berry country on hand. Reports were submitted of last year's activities in the cranberry industry by A. U. Chaney. He said there were 425,000 barrels produced this year, the largest crop since 1914. Of this, 366,000 barrels were grown in the Cape Cod country. The average price for all the berries sold was \$7.75 gross per barrel. The Cape Cod berries brought a gross of \$7.50 per barrel, for an average, he said.

Damages of \$100,000, a new high figure in courts of Cumberland County, Me., are sought by Nicholas Kalsman of New York in a suit filed in supreme court against the American Cokes & Chemical Company of Chicago. He alleges breach of contract in hiring him as chemist for 10 years, at a salary of \$12,000 annually for the first five years, and not less than \$12,000 for the last five years. In addition, Mr. Kalsman claims that in return for the delivery of formulas and processes to the defendant company, he was to receive \$100,000 and a stock interest of \$50,000. The process was in connection with the dyeing industry and it is charged that defendant failed to carry out the terms of the contract.

Charles H. Greenleaf, for the last 45 years proprietor of the Hotel Vendome, Boston, and for 37 years proprietor of the Franklin House at Framingham, N. H., died in Portland, N. C. He was born in Danville, Vt. 32 years ago, a son of Seth and Lydia Hall Greenleaf, and was educated in the public and private schools of Concord, N. H. He entered the hotel business early in life, and was connected with hotels in Washington, New York, Boston and the White Mountains.

## IT HAPPENED IN NEW ENGLAND

## News of General Interest From the Six States

Edoras Rouleau, 51, owner of a small farm in Gardner, Mass., and father of 10 children, was found dead in his barn by Diana Rouleau, his 16-year-old daughter. He had been kicked to death by his horse.

Michael Seretto, who landed on American shores from Italy less than 25 years ago as a penniless immigrant and by working days as a laborer and studying at night developed into one of the most successful contractors in this section of the country, died at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, of cancer of the tongue. Seretto, who was 43, was fulfilling contracts aggregating \$1,500,000 at the time of his death.

Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania will speak on "Making America Dry" at the Methodist Men's convention to be held in Springfield, Mass., May 10 and 11, in connection with the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gov. Cox of Massachusetts received and accepted the resignation of Judge John T. Moriarty, associate justice of the Superior court, who was fined \$125 in the Holyoke court recently on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Moriarty pleaded guilty.

A novel petition was filed with City Clerk Towse of Worcester, Mass., for reference to the city council. Arvid Anderson, the petitioner, asks for the abatement of a sewer assessment of \$255 on property owned by him on Plantation street. The reason given for the asking of the abatement is "ill health of the owner."

An indictment charging two Androscoggin county, Me., deputy sheriffs, Alvin C. Levesque and John J. Maloney of Lewiston, with conspiracy to violate the Volstead act by accepting bribes from rum sellers in return for protection and by sales of alcohol to liquor dealers, was returned by the grand jury of United States district court Portland.

The committee on claims of the Lynn, Mass., city council received a bill for \$125 from a Lynn policeman who contends the city should reimburse him in that sum for an appendicitis operation directly due, he says, to the performance of his duty. He traces the appendicitis to a fall through a hole while struggling with an intended prisoner.

With Judge Wiley administering justice 10 feet away in district court, Worcester, Mass., and with Deputy Chief McMurray, Capt. James T. Johnson and other police and court officials in the room, the coat pocket of Atty. John L. Blanchi was picked in the courtroom, he reported to Capt. Johnson after the session.

A 14-year-old boy named ayesa not on William E. Yates, Jr., 14, high school student of Pittsfield, Mass., a recent scarlet fever patient, gave an ounce of his immune blood to save the life of Florence Proctor, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Proctor. Blood injected into the child's muscles has given her sufficient resistance so that it is believed she now will recover, although she has been critically ill.

The largest mileage of state roads improved in Maine from 1914 to 1923 was in Androscoggin County, a total of 37 miles, and the work was done at a cost of \$1,246,377, according to an announcement by the State Highway Commission. Counties in which the expenditure was greater during this period, although the mileage was considerably less, were Kennebec, Cumberland and Penobscot.

Clyde E. Tillson, of Belgrade Lakes, Me., recently cut down a tree 106 feet high, of the so-called pumpkin vine variety of pine. Ring in the crown section indicated the tree was 167 years old. It topped off 22 feet, and out of it Mr. Tillson got more than 4000 feet of lumber. The butt log, 12 feet long, sawed up 255 feet of lumber. It is believed this was the largest tree in Kennebec County.

Establishment of a terminal for the landing of immigrants at Portland, Me., by several of the big steamship lines awaits reduction of rail fares from Portland to New York City, according to announcement made at a meeting of executives representing the port, the city, the state, the Boston & Maine Railroad, the immigration department and steamship men. Immigrants were landed at Portland late last year and conditions were found to be satisfactory that a large scale in the future, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made with regard to fares.

Secretary of State Hughes has notified Arthur W. O'Brien, commissioner of agriculture of Massachusetts, that O'Brien is to head the American delegation of also members to the meeting of the general assembly of the Institute of Agriculture, to be held May 2 in Rome. The Institute in Rome is the great agricultural clearing house of the world. It holds conferences every two years to map out the policies for the following two years. Thirty-three nations are represented.

## NOISE, A POOR INDICATOR OF VALUE

A boy who was very much interested in different makes of automobiles soon learned to tell by listening, what make of machine was approaching. He was surprised to find that the largest cars made very little noise. They went by easily and silently. As the boy grew older he began to be a student of human nature. He discovered that quiet people who talked very little were usually the ones who lifted most in every enterprise; while those who made a great noise were usually those who did the least for the advance of humanity.

## RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WEEZ  
Springfield, Mass.  
837 Meters—890 Kilocycles

## THURSDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

7 P. M.—Music talk by Robert Elisha Stanley Olmsted, professor of vocal music at Smith College. The subjects for tonight are: "Musical Forms, the Suite, Sonata and Symphonies."

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kids.

7:40 P. M.—Concert by Ruth Conant Terry, soprano, Mr. Spencer B. Terry, baritone.

(a) "Ah, Love But a Day" Beach  
(b) "Sings My Mother Taught Me" Dvorak

Baritone group:  
(a) "Even Bravest Hearts" (Faust)  
(b) "The Late Player" Allinson

Mr. Terry  
Duet, "Passage Birds Farewell" Hildach

Mr. and Mrs. Terry  
Soprano solo, "Il est doux et est bon" (Herodiade) Massenet

Baritone group:  
(a) "Pilgrims' Song" Tchaikowsky  
(b) "King Charles" White

Soprano group:  
(a) "Invocation to Eros" Russell  
(b) "Vale" Mrs. Terry

Baritone group:  
(a) "Tommy Lad" Margeson  
(b) "Pirates song" Gilbert

Duet, "O Moment That I Bless" Deanece

Mr. and Mrs. Terry

## FRIDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner concert by the WEEZ orchestra:

Overture, Selected  
Joy of Youth, Raymont  
Trio Selection, Selected

Selection from "Les Huguenots" Meyerbeer  
MacDowell  
Brahms  
Robert

Allegretto from Ballet music from "Faust" Gounod  
Ballet, Ballet

7 P. M.—"Ten Minutes Show," a dramatized story prepared by Youth's Companion, Current Book Review by R. A. MacDowall of the Court Square Book Store.

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kids.

8:25 P. M.—Arlington time signals.

## SATURDAY

8:00 P. M. Formal Opening of the New Kimball Hotel Studio.

1 "Star Spangled Banner," by Jack Hall and his Romanians, Lane's Ballroom Orchestra.

2 Address: Honorable Edwin P. Leach, Mayor of Springfield.

3 Orchestral selection; Jack Hall and his Romanians, Lane's Ballroom Orchestra.

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## SKILLINGTON

Rex Robinson has moved into the house vacated by Frank Heath and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Clarence Judkins were in No. Newry, Sunday. Mrs. W. H. Griffin has a telephone installed in her home.

Mrs. J. P. Skillings has returned home from Wakefield, Mass.

A. B. Sanborn has begun work in the mill again.

Archie Young went to Sunday River and got his automobile, Sunday.

A special town meeting will be held on Friday, April 18, at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Longel has gone to the C. M. Hospital, Lewiston, for a slight surgical operation.

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Keeps large sized bottle handy for the grown-up or children. Family size \$1.50; other sizes 50c and 25c.



## BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 1)

Mr. H. N. Drayden has a new Buick "Six" coach.

Miss Mildred Bartlett returned from Lewiston, Sunday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman was in Bethel one day last week.

Mr. Fred Carter is working on the block signal on U. S. R. R.

Mr. Robert York and family were Sunday guests at S. L. Grover's.

Mrs. Miriam Wilcox of Norway is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Lowe.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday P. M. with Mrs. H. B. Hastings.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover was the guest of Mrs. Gertrude Haggood, Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Luman and Mrs. P. C. Andrews were in Bethel one day last week.

Mrs. Harry Laby of Gray is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Nathan Wheel-

er.

Mr. P. L. Edwards has commenced driving the pulp from the mill down the brook.

Mrs. L. H. (Gibby) returned from Boston, Monday, where she has been spending a week.

Mrs. Stephen Byrd of Bethel, N. H., was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mann, Friday.

Mr. Will Haggood of North Stratford, N. H., was a guest at the Haggood farm the last of the week.

Mr. Lorian Littlehale is having a vacation from his duties on the railroad and is at his home in town.

Miss Violet Wright is home from Tufts College for a short season. Miss Margaret Pettigrew of Boston is her guest.

Mrs. Gertrude Grover of Gorham, Me., has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Spinney, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt.

Mr. Percy Pitt has completed his duties in U. S. Thayer's store and has gone to Long Pond in the Magalloway region to superintend the drive for the Brown Co.

Mrs. Ella Mansfield entertained a party of friends Tuesday evening at her home in Bethel. Mrs. Paul Bager. Five tables of bridge whist were enjoyed.

The singing service at Garland Chapel of Sunday was very interesting. The young people of the Universalist church were guests of the Christian Reformed. The service by the choir of the church choir of young people, the solo by Mrs. Madeline Hastings and Mr. Bester, and the orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrick and daughter, Katherine and Miss Madeline Bester, were much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Wells, pastor of the Universalist church, gave a helpful address. The following was the program:

Prayer, hymns, 131, 132, 323

Responsive reading

Chorus, Young People's Choir

Soprano, Mrs. Hastings

Alto, Rev. Mr. Adonishach

Tenor, Horace Black Orchestra

Bass, Fire Lighting

Five choruses, Kathryn Hancock

Lighting, Two Young Ladies

The Service of Fire, Walter Ross, Taylor Clough

Scripture passages regarding fire

Song, Mr. Bester

Address, Orchestra

Prayer, Rev. Mr. Wells

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Mrs. Ada Ashby has returned to Portland after spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Tibbette.

Mr. L. A. Hall went to Lewiston, Monday, where he expects to enter the C. M. G. Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ames were called to Bethel recently by the illness of their sister, Mrs. Vera Park.

Mrs. Ella Parsons and Mr. Will Haggood were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Haggood and family, Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. Susan Perkins are very sorry to learn of her illness at the home of her daughter in Newmarket, N. H.

Master Richard Holt returned from Norway, Monday, where he has been spending the school vacation with his mother.

Miss Alice Brown, who was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, has returned to her school in Boston.

Miss Margaret Vandekerckhoven has returned to her school in Boston after spending a short vacation at her home in town.

Mrs. Harry Carter of Bethel, N. H., and Gale Carter of Colebrook, N. H., spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. Gerald Evans, who has been employed on the block signal system, and residing at Mrs. Lizzie Thorne's, has been transferred to Portland.

Mrs. Mildred Farrar and little daughter of Randolph, N. H., have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Demeritt.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter, who have been spending the winter in Boston, have returned to Bethel and opened their home on Broad Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyon, Mrs. Ella Parsons and Mr. Will Haggood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyon and family on Grover Hill, Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. J. C. B. Bings, Tuesday P. M. Plans for work for the coming year were discussed, also for the County Convention which is to be held in Norway, May 21st.

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## WEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Hall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, April 8th, Muriel Thurston. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Robert Gilbert of Colebrook, N. H., was in this place recently.

Both Linton has employment in the home of Norman Hall and family.

After a vacation of two weeks the school began Monday with the same teachers, Clara Mason, Grammar, and Katherine Brown, Primary.

Miss Laura Hutchinson spent the week-end at her home here.

Doris Jordan gave a party Saturday evening in honor of her fourteenth birthday. There were twenty-five of her young friends present.

Mrs. Maud O'Reilly went to her school at White River Junction, Vt., Friday.

Mrs. Harry Mills of Gorham, N. H., visited Mrs. Emma Mills, Monday.

Mrs. Henry Rolfe is the guest of her sister at Oxford.

Elmer Allen of Bethel village was up to see Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett and son, Wilbert, were the guests of Mrs. W. D. Mills, Sunday.

Mrs. George Auger and little son are the guests of relatives in Canada.

Grace Farwell was in Gorham, N. H., Tuesday.

## WEST PARIS

The Jolly Twelve Whist Club will hold a public card and dancing party Saturday evening at Orange Hall.

Rev. Eleanor H. Forbes attended the funeral of Mrs. MacIntyre at Sumner, Friday.

Lewis J. Mann is recovering from an attack of pneumonia and under the care of a trained nurse, Miss Dora Williams.

C. L. Bidden is on a business trip to New York.

All interested in the May sale for grade school piano fund are requested to meet with Mrs. C. E. Stearns, Main Street, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Porter, field worker for the W. C. T. U. spoke at the Federated church last Wednesday evening. She is a very able speaker and held the close attention of her audience.

Mrs. Columbia Dunham is in very poor health.

George W. Devine and family are expected home early in May, and their many friends will be glad when they return.

Hezekiah Farrar is at the Central Maine General Hospital, where he has undergone a surgical operation. His condition is serious, but latest reports are that he is resting comfortably. Mrs. Farrar is with him much of the time.

Levi Smith has moved to his new home near Irish-Bros.' home, which he recently purchased.

Miss Maud Carter is expected home soon for a visit with her father, L. B. Carter, and sister, Mrs. P. H. Packard.

## RUMFORD POINT

Mrs. F. H. Baker and Mrs. Hayes arrived in town last week from Florida.

Caroline Blanchard is home from a trip to New York and Washington.

Flora Head arrived home Saturday from a vacation in Boston and Rhode Island.

Almost every home here has been visited by the mumps.

L. H. Hutchins' hand is on the gain. Mrs. Ellingwood has finished work at John Martin's and Mrs. Charles Duran has taken her place.

Susan Martin is visiting relatives in New York.

## GROVER HILL

Mrs. Eliza Spinney has been very ill but is much improved.

Alton Hutchinson recently visited friends in Norway.

Karl Stearns went to Berlin, Thursday. From there he went to the Aniscon region where he will be clerk for the Brown Co. on the spring drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spinney, from Sunday River, Mrs. H. M. Kendall also

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Bethel, Maine

## Easter Near at Hand

The Easter showing of New Apparel is ready. Assortments were never more complete and styles never so attractive. Weeks and months of careful planning and selection have brought together an array of which we are justly proud.

We invite you to this showing with the thought that you will find pleasure in inspecting the beautiful garments and materials for your adornment. We want you to come feeling that you are welcome—that you may look around as much as you wish and buy as little as you like—or not at all.

## SMART COATS

Exclusive styling, different fabrics and a wide assortment enables one to choose a coat from our extensive stock with a source of pleasure attached to it, particularly if one delights in selecting a mode that reflects individual taste.

Many of the coats have novelty cuffs, pockets and fancy stitching, although many of the most beautiful garments rely on their graceful lines and exquisite fabrics to appeal. Hardly a day goes by that we do not have a shipment of new coats.

Spring Coats, \$12.50 up to \$49.50

## THE SPRING SUITS

Keeping pace with every phase of fashion and adding touches of individuality that make for style distinction, these suits are also notable for many niceties of workmanship, smartly cut collars, well set shoulders and the right fitting sleeves emphasize expert tailoring. Materials are navy blue pique twill, and attractive sport suitings.

Spring Suits, \$24.75 up to \$49.75

## NEW HOSIERY

In the new Hosiery for Spring now on display may be seen many new colors. As much depends upon material and workmanship for long wearing qualities in stockings, we have chosen our brands from well known manufacturers who use only the best materials and employ modern methods to have their Hosiery enjoy the distinction of being as nearly perfect as human skill can make it.

You can have Gingham "Gold Stripes," Holeproof and Berkshire Hosiery here.

## CLEVER SPORT SKIRTS

Fitting in with every hour of the day come these new sport skirts and every woman will see the wisdom of including one or two in her wardrobe. New materials made up into wrappy and pleated models with novel pockets.

New Skirts, \$4.95 up to \$9.95

## UNDERMUSLINS IN DESIRABLE MATERIALS

Just out of their boxes are these exquisitely styled envelope chemises, step-in chemises, princess slips, costume slips, step-in drawers, bloomers, camisoles and petticoats. Extremely lovely are they and distinguished by fine lines and embroideries. A splendid opportunity for women to purchase good supplies of pretty inexpensive under muslins.

## THE NEW GLOVE STYLES

While our glove stocks have always been most satisfactory from the standpoint of smart style and serviceable wearing qualities, this season's showing goes even further in allowing pleasing individual choice. Styles are the popular gauntlets and tiny cuffs of imported fabrics and kid gloves are here in the new colors.

## SILK CREPE DRESSES

The styles were never more attractive than is revealed in these new dresses. Unusually becoming models of fashionable crepes with clever new trimmings, touches in embroidery, ribbons and laces to emphasize their attractiveness, drapings are used extensively. Many new colors, as well as navy and brown.

New Dresses, \$16.75 up to \$27.50

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## MAINE WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Portland—Building permits issued in one day totaled \$22,500.

Biddeford—Biddeford National Bank and First National Bank of Biddeford merge with \$200,000 combined capital. Gardner—Plans being made for rebuilding factory of James Walker & Son.

Thornton Heights—Plans being made for erection of new bridge.

Dover-Foxcroft—Site purchased for erection of new school building.

Portland—State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Maine co-operate in raising \$25,000 for erection of Maine building on Eastern States Exposition grounds.

Lewiston—Strand theatre being enlarged and improved at cost of \$35,000.

West Lebanon—\$10,000 to be spent for schools and highways in this city.

Lewiston—1924 street improvement program to include paving Ash, Park and Main streets with granite blocks, also paving Sabbathus, Pierce, Canal, Oak and Walnut streets with asphalt; estimated cost, \$170,000.

## FIGHT FIRE ON FARMS

The National Board of Fire Underwriters is compiling a record of fire losses on farm property in various states covering the period of 1918-1921. The total will run well toward \$100,000,000. The average farm house is not subjected to danger caused by fire in adjoining buildings as is the case with city buildings. On the other hand there is little or no fire protection provided for farm dwelling or outbuilding.

Too many farmers fail to recognize the ever present danger from fire. Farm buildings should be the most easily safeguarded against loss from various fires.

Chiefly responsible among the known causes of fire on farm property are lightning, defective chimneys and flues, stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes, spontaneous combustion, matches, smoking and petroleum and its products.

Every farmer knows that he can remove the lightning hazard by a very simple and inexpensive method of lightning rod equipment. Defective chimneys and flues are wholly within the control of the owner of the property. Proper repairing of stoves, furnaces, boilers and pipes is a matter of good housekeeping which is almost criminal to neglect. Sparks on roofs cannot be entirely eliminated but if the chimneys are tight and run to a proper height, danger from this cause is reduced to a minimum. Fires caused by petroleum and its products can be wholly eliminated if proper care is maintained in using these articles and if they are kept in receptacles intended for the purpose. Spontaneous combustion usually results either from oily rags, paint or similar material left carelessly where last used or from explosions in barns due to improper ventilation. It is simple to avoid these hazards by the use of ordinary intelligence.

For every bit of farm property that is destroyed, the profits of some farmer are wiped out and the "problems of agriculture" are increased by just that much, for the farmer must secure new capital with which to replace property destroyed. This must all be charged up against the high cost of production on farms.

As to fatalities and mutilations due to fire on the farm, there are no available statistics but conservative opinion holds that of the 30,000 deaths and injuries by fire in the United States in 1923, a regrettable number occurred in rural districts.

To avoid the larger part of America's fire loss, whether it be in town or country, does not require any specialized knowledge but only the quality of ordinary carelessness and the exercise of common sense.

## DUTY ALONE HOLDS

## HONEST PUBLIC SERVANTS

Every great man who has tried to serve the public has usually had criticism and abuse heaped at him.

In commenting on the expected criticism that is heaped against Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his effort to reduce the taxation burden of the American people, the Columbia, Miss. State Journal says:

"Mr. Mellon's admirable motto and that he holds his present position chiefly with a view of advancement to his private fortune. The absurdity of the idea is that, if such were the object of a man of Mr. Mellon's special abilities, he would not be devoting his time to public office. He could make more money by giving his attention to his own interests. We do not believe that any consideration but downright patriotism keeps Mr. Mellon in public service, the political side of which he detests. He knows that the work of his department has to be done and that he has the qualifications to do it with unusual skill and so he stays, doubtless against his personal inclination, and stands unswerving and alone of persons who have only a politician's knowledge of the subject of finance."

The country is not going broke so long as railroads must order more cars to haul automobiles than farm products.

## NATURE TELLS YOU

As Many a Bethel Reader Knows Too Well.

When the kidneys are weak, Nature tells you about it. The urine is nature's index.

Infrequent or too frequent passage. Other disorders suggest kidney ills. Doan's Pills are for disordered kidneys.

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Price 60¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Merrill had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

tions occur in June.

## OUR SUCCESSORS

It is beautiful Springtime in Washington, and the Capital City is at its best. Incoming railroad trains are unloading large excursion parties of high school boys and girls, who are coming in groups to enjoy their Easter vacation days. They are a satisfying lot, because strength of character is registered on the countenances of these young people.

A good deal of loose criticism exists concerning the girls growing up today, and the flapper and the cigarette smoker gets about all the righteous condemnation that she deserves. Daredevil boys with hostile fangs on their hips have just as hard a time in explaining their methods of conduct. One would suppose to hear some people talk that the entire youth of the land was semi-demoralized. But that is because bad boys and girls are talked about most, while good boys and girls are simply taken for granted.

No it is interesting to watch these throngs of excursionists who always come by the thousands at this time of the year to see the Capital of their country. Really they aren't much different from their mothers and fathers who came here twenty or twenty-five years ago as members of their own school parties. The new crop has a broader outlook on life and they wouldn't be keeping up with civilization if they hadn't speeded up a little. Their parents came here with a return trip ticket, a few sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs, and about five dollars apiece to "spend on having a good time." But of course this method has gone.

The boys and girls who come from their schools to Washington on these Spring days show a keener interest in the affairs of the Nation than their parents did. They are interested in seeing the Government buildings, and you could hardly drag one of them back home unless there had been a side trip to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington; and to the National Cemetery, where thousands of the nation's soldier heroes are buried. They go to the White House, where their Presidents have lived; they visit the botanic gardens and get the thrill out of the fact that here they discover nearly all varieties of trees and flowers. No one ever heard of one of these young people being accused of misconduct, or landing in the police station. And may be their parents did not have quite so satisfactory a record.

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centricities that attract attention to part of the younger population today. The vast majority of boys and girls are as high-minded and worthy as the generations that preceded them. As a matter of fact there was a lamentable lack of perfection among the youths "of our days." A lot of adults unblushingly admit that they were not always so perfect as they seem now to be.

## RUBBER TIRES AND TROUBLES

One of the big rubber companies in its annual report shows an increase of over ten per cent in its business for 1923 as compared with 1922. It speaks hopefully of the future for the reason that it has been working out of tire production into other kinds of rubber goods.

The rubber industry has been spectacular in many respects. For a few years the rubber companies made a great deal of money out of tires, and they built their hopes for the future on owning the foreign sources of the raw products, and they shipped these raw products to the United States for manufacturing purposes. Well organized sales companies completed the chain of the industry; and the whole business was made possible through huge issues of stocks and bonds. It looked like easy money for a long time, but the rosy-lipped reports to stockholders are not stuck up with the tales of woe that are told by people who bought and held the stock, and saw it tumble to the lower depths. In the sugar game the refining and sales business is kept apart from the plantation end of the game. Coffee exporters also play safe from "foreign entanglements." This is equally true with most industries. But rubber stretched out to hold the weight of all kinds of foreign relations. And if the rubber band does not "burst" some people will be lucky.

## ANDOVER

Faye Dresser and Della Thornton, who have been spending their vacation at their homes, returned to the Gosham Normal School, Monday.

Born, Sunday, April 13, to the wife of Merton Pressey, twin daughters. Hervey Hall, who has been very ill, is much improved.

Mrs. Frank Thomas has gone to Norway to help care for her sister, Mrs. Frank Hurd, who is ill with blood poisoning.

There will be an Easter ball in the town hall, Monday evening, April 21. The Happy Five Orchestra will furnish music. Supper will be served by the Hook and Ladder Company.

Edward Pratt has finished working in the apical mill and lived with Ray Thornton for the summer.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bodwell, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when their eldest son, Mr. Bodwell, was united in marriage with Miss Marion Robinson of Palmyra, Maine. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the Congregational Church. Only the immediate family was present. Both young people have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

## SOUTH ALBANY

L. L. Kimball and E. K. Skedd were in Norway, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball called at W. B. Cummings', Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen are soon to return to their home in this place. All will be glad to welcome them home.

Mrs. Walter Canwell is boarding the teacher in the Dresser District.

Kenneth Stone was in Norway, Monday.

Mrs. Hazel Wardwell and son Arthur Eugene visited her friends, Mrs. Evelyn McKee, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown called at J. A. Kimball's, Thursday.

J. A. Kimball recently sold a cow and two calves to Ernest Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown are staying at Mrs. Lathrop's.

ATTENTION! RUMORS—We can get you a ribbon for any make type, writer you want. Call up the Citizen Office and ask us about it.

## FOREST PROTECTION PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT

Forest Protection Week for 1924 has been designated by President Coolidge for April 21-27, inclusive, announces the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Coolidge calls attention to the appalling losses that occur each year from forest fires, and urges all citizens, either in association or as individuals, to protect all wooded areas from fire. Governors of many States will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by the President, and Arbor Day in several States will be observed during Forest Protection Week.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and W. B. Greeley, Chief of the Forest Service, have many times emphasized the importance of preventing forest fires, about 36,000 of which every year sweep 11,000,000 acres of land.

People Are Careless With Fire. Secretary Wallace has stated that eight out of every ten forest fires result from human carelessness and will not happen once the public is brought face to face with the serious losses these fires cause. These losses fall especially heavy on the American public since the United States uses more sawtimber than all other nations combined.

Chief Forester Greeley says it is not difficult for everyone to be careful with fire while in wooded areas. Here are simple rules which if observed will go far toward reducing the appalling number of man-caused forest fires reported every year: Be sure your match is out before throwing it away. Don't throw cigars, cigarettes, and pipe ashes along the roadside. Build small camp fires away from brush and small trees; never leave your camp fire unwatched; make sure your camp fire is dead—then bury it; Keep in touch with Forest Rangers and Fire Wardens and report all fires you may see, no matter how small; Be as careful with fire while you are in wooded areas as you would be in your own home.

By the President of the United States of America.

## A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it is essential to the national comfort, welfare, and prosperity of the people of the United States that abundant forests, widely distributed and maintained in a condition of high productivity, be forever wisely conserved as one of our greatest natural resources; and

Whereas, because of our constantly increasing need for wood and other forest products, together with our past failure to provide for reforestation, we are drawing upon our supplies of timber four times as fast as they are renewed through growth; and

Whereas, the most formidable agency of forest destruction and preventive of reforestation is fire and, of the fires which annually devastate vast areas, four fifths are ascribed in origin to human agencies and virtually all may be controlled and made innocuous through

prudence, care, and vigilance;

Therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do urge upon the Governors of the various States to designate and set apart the week of April 21-27, 1924, as Forest Protection Week, and, wherever practicable and not in conflict with State law or accepted customs, to celebrate Arbor Day within that week. I also urge all citizens, either in association or as individuals, all schools, and the press of the land to give common thought to the protection of our forests from fire, to the end that, in the future as in the past, these forests may supply us with wood, protect the purity of our streams, and otherwise serve the people of the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 15th day of Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-eighth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President:

Charles E. Hughes  
Secretary of State

In 1923 electric railways of the United States purchased 4,020 new cars and locomotives—more than in any year since 1913.

Criminal fires play their part in augmenting the tremendous national ash heap, although the prosecution of arson grows increasingly successful.



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The constant scuff and scrape of many feet soon wears through ordinary floor paint. Protect your floors with Lowe Brothers Floor Paint. It dries quickly, is very hard, wears a long time and is very easy to keep clean.

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BETHEL, MAINE

## Confine Chicks—Bar Destructive Animals

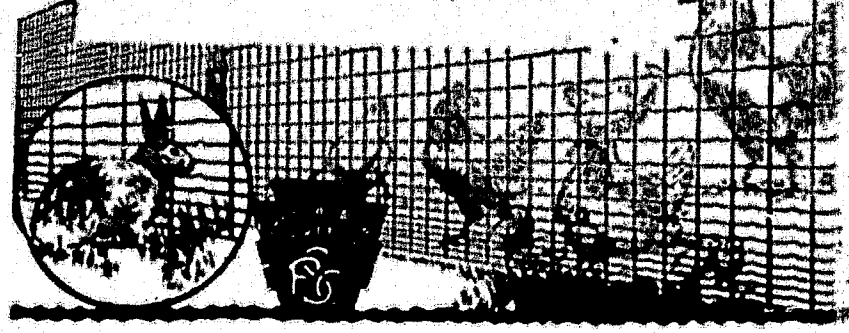
An effective, real poultry fence must be made like other fences, with line wires that can be stretched taut and stay wires that support.

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are real fences. The electrically welded joints make possible a neat, stiff, one-piece fabric, even with the lower line wires only one inch apart. Lower line wires are so close together as to confine the smallest chicks, and bar rabbits and other animals. Easily erected, economical, durable. A perfected fencing, every rod guaranteed. See us also for farm, garden and lawn fences.

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## The Citizen's Next Serial

# Three Men and a Maid

by

P. G. WODEHOUSE

Starts Next Week, April 24th.

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# The SANDMAN STORY

## MR. CAT AND MR. FOX

ONCE there lived near a wood a big cat who was not afraid of dogs. All the cats were afraid of him. He grew so bold that he thought he was braver than any animal around.

One day he decided to live in the woods and live with the wood folk, and he had not gone very far when he met a fox. "Good morning, friend," said the fox, "are you looking for a house?"

"Yes," replied the cat. "I am far too brave to live with the wood folk, and I am not afraid of dogs. I am sure if I stay, as I have done, I shall be braver still and live in the woods."

"Yes," said the fox, all the time thinking how he could use this cat to help him to catch mice. "Well, come to my den. It is large enough for us both and you grow big and get a tail like mine. And by that time you will find a house of your own."

"I should like a tail like yours very much," replied the cat, who had not taken his eyes off the bushy tail of

the fox. "But how can I ever hope to have such a bushy tail as you have?"

"Think of it in the world to get if you are willing to follow my instructions," said the fox.

If the time they reached the den Mr. Cat was willing to do anything to grow and have a tail like the fox.

"We had better not lose time," said Mr. Fox. "The sooner we begin the treatment the quicker you will grow and get your bushy tail. The first thing to be done is for you to do all the work. I mean exercise—you must get plenty of exercise, build the fire and cook the supper."

Mr. Cat was willing and he was greatly happy, so when the children were done he hurriedly drew up his chair beside Mr. Fox and passed his plate.

"Oh, I forgot to mention that an other thing to be strictly followed is a vegetable diet," said the fox. "Noth-

ing but green stuff must you eat if you expect to get a tail like mine. You had better run out and eat your fill of grass and then run down the path to the river and drink all the water you can hold."

Though he did not care for this part of the plan, Mr. Cat cast one longing glance at the bushy tail he so coveted and out he ran.

When he returned Mr. Fox sat with his feet on the stove, tipped back in his chair, smoking. "Now wash the dishes and tidy up the place and then we will go to bed."

Mr. Cat was so hungry that he shyly licked the bones Mr. Fox had left and he was glad to go to sleep and forget he was hungry.

The next morning bright and early Mr. Fox had him out of bed to cook his breakfast—two plump chickens he had brought home very early.

"Exercise, my friend," he said, "consists of it, or you will never grow a bushy tail. Perhaps you do not get enough exercise. Suppose you come with me tonight and help me get a chicken. That will give you a little more exercise than you get here."

Mr. Cat did not think it was lack of exercise that kept him from growing the bushy tail, but he followed along with Mr. Fox that night up to the farm.

When they reached the poultry house Mr. Fox said: "Now you run in and drive them out and I will catch them. I am quicker than you at catching chickens."

While inside, Mr. Cat stepped on a trap, which held his foot fast.

"That's bad," laughed Mr. Fox. "I thought as much," he said, jumping back to a safe distance.

"Come here and help me out of this thing," cried Mr. Cat, beginning to understand that Mr. Fox was friendly only to himself.

"I guess not, my friend," replied Mr. Fox. "I hope your tail grows big and bushy and you won't have to wait long to grow with. You will be wild enough in a few minutes with the trap fastened to your paw." And off he ran, leaving poor Mr. Cat very unhappy.

"You are the one that has been catching my chickens," said the farmer, when he released Mr. Cat the next morning. And if the tracks of Mr. Fox had not been found it would have gone hard with Mr. Cat.

But Mr. Cat had no wish to run away. He stayed right there at the farm and in time he caught all the mice and rats that bothered the farmer and his wife and always he was on the lookout for Mr. Fox. For all forces looked alike to Mr. Cat and he intended to scratch out the eyes of any fox that he saw, hoping it would be the one that had tricked him.

(By M. J. McLaughlin, Bethel, Maine)

Mr. Cat Was Caught in the Trap.

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# The Scrap Book

## When Hand-Painted Wall Paper Was Used in Homes

The latest theories of interior decorating seem to favor making the walls of a room as unobtrusive and neutral a background as possible, but there was a time when wall paper, no less than furniture, played an important role in house decoration, says the Antiquarian of New York. The early nineteenth century hand-painted wall paper was considered a mark of distinction in any house, and the few samples of such papers that remain are highly prized by connoisseurs.

One of the finest specimens of such paper recently acquired by the Art Institute of Chicago and has been presented to the Art Institute of that city as the gift of its owner, Mrs. Ernest Hicks of Hilldale. This paper has traveled much and had many adventures since it was made in France in 1801. There it was purchased by a wealthy Vermont merchant who brought it home to sell. But the paper was not sold until 1830 when a thrifty Yankee bought it and stored it carefully away so that it was seen only on state occasions. Finally, Mrs. Hicks discovered the paper and recognized its artistic as well as its historic interest.

It is very thick and tough, much like a tapestry, and the scene depicted is such as might have been woven into a tapestry, for it represents the battle of the Turks and the French army at Matarich, March 29, 1800, when 10,000 Frenchmen under General Kleber, defeated 80,000 Turks. Kleber is shown seated on a white horse receiving a spear from one of the conquered enemy.

In another section of the wall paper, the general, mounted on a black horse, is shown thanking his soldiers for their bravery in battle. The flight of the grand vizier is shown in another panel. The coloring of the paper is rich.

Colors Have Various Effects on the Nerves

Do you know that colors have various effects on the nervous system? That is the reason the decorative scheme of a room should be carefully considered.

For a calming, cooling effect, if you are inclined to let little things get on your nerves, you could select no better shade than green or blue. They are known as "cold" colors, and have a decidedly cooling effect on temperament.

Reds are irritating and should be used most sparingly. A light shade of red, such as rose, pink, salmon or peach, can be employed to advantage in a room where a neutral color forms the chief decoration. In a dark city room a brighter shade of red may be utilized to give the suggestion of warmth.

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## TO TEST BRAKES BY PORTABLE DEVICE

The Bureau of Standards of the United States has perfected a new, portable brake-testing device, which eliminates the personal equation in testing brakes and does away with measures road stretches. The device consists essentially of a suspended weight which swings forward when the car slows down. It is calibrated, to provide a sufficiently slow motion to permit a record to be made by a pen on a moving sheet of paper. Readings are direct, showing exactly how many feet are covered by the car between initial application of brakes and full stop. The device is said to eliminate the inaccuracy of previous methods of measurement of brakes, caused by the personal equation or bias in the operator. Thus, in other methods of testing, an operator is told "apply your brakes." If he takes half a second to respond, and his car is traveling at twenty miles an hour, the car moves fifteen feet, between command and execution of it, which fifteen feet, of course, is counted in measuring the distance covered in the stopping test. The new device, being automatic, is not subject to error.

## HOOPER BACKS PLANS FOR NATIONAL SAFETY

Highway Accidents Increasing—Need for National Action Shown

According to statistics issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company there were 17 per cent more fatal automobile accidents in January than in the same month in 1923. Last year the company paid one million one hundred and forty-four thousand dollars in death claims due to automobile accidents, the previous high figure being eight hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars in 1922.

Eight organizations have sent representatives to confer with Secretary of Commerce Hoover to coordinate safety work and devise a broad national program covering the subject.

Secretary Hoover, in calling the conference, pointed out a heavy increase in street and highway accidents all over the country due, in large measure, to the rapid increase of motor vehicles. Those who conferred were Mr. Hoover, Elliot H. Goodwin, James L. Maden, A. H. Barber and Mr. John Hilder, of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Law R. Palmer and W. H. Cameron of the National Safety Council; John B. Hopp, of the American Automobile Association; Pyke Johnson, of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce; A. W. Whitney and W. J. Fox, of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters; James Hartness and L. W. Wallace, of the American Federated Engineering Society; R. H. Alston, of the American Highway Association; H. H. Janisch, of the American Mutual Alliance, and Ernest Greenwood, associate editor of the Insurance Field.

## BILLBOARDS BANNED IN MINNESOTA

Beautiful Highway Campaign Removes Half Million Signs

The highways in Minnesota are to be advertised as unmarred by billboards. Authorities in that state, which has ordered all signs down by May 1, phrase the keynote of the State-wide campaign thus:

"Unrestricted outdoor advertising, as it is developing and spreading along our highways is not only offensive but in many cases a menace to the safety of the public and a bar to the beauty of our community."

The State Highway Department has removed more than half a million signs from Minnesota highways, in a campaign in which newspapers, railroads, businesses and civic organizations have co-operated. A state law provides for a 60-foot right of way unmarred by signs, applying to the seven thousand mile State road system.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company announced it will remove all private billboards along the road right of way stretching Lake Superior, are of Minnesota's beauty spots.

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CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, Hammond, Indiana	
Assets Dec. 31, 1923	
Real Estate	\$100,000.00
Mortgage Loans	2,817,856.02
Collateral Loans	8,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	5,312,254.87
Cash in Office and Bank	557,910.04
Agents' Balances	72,477.39
Bills Receivable	3,276.99
Interest and Rents	147,753.30
All other Assets	3,485,155.93
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$12,518,692.40</b>
Deduct items not admitted	329,192.11
<b>Admitted</b>	<b>\$12,189,500.29</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$2,332,559.39
Unearned Premiums	5,109,883.53
All other Liabilities	1,007,167.47
Cash Capital	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,000,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$12,189,500.29</b>

## NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO.

Newark, New Jersey

Assets Dec. 31, 1923	
Mortgage Loans	\$1,001,550.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,035,555.72
Cash in Office and Bank	233,255.12
Agents' Balances	455,549.48
Interest and Rents	44,298.07
All other Assets	29,102.22
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$3,752,862.40</b>
Deduct items not admitted	\$1,470.77
<b>Admitted</b>	<b>\$3,751,391.63</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$773,357.71



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You will not have a friend in town-and a person who will help you, aside from the store men who will value your custom as long as they can keep your business."

"The Free Press" office," she said, "but I don't want to go in there without a sign that she had heard his talk."

## YOUR IMAGINATION

The young lady across the way says geranium is probably the most prevalent disease, and she understands that 50 per cent of the American people are parasitised.

**MOIST, COOL SOILS  
BEST FOR CURRANTS**

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By JONATHAN BRACE  
XXVI—MICHIGAN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

that disease, and she understands that 50 per cent of the American people are penniless.

Ad. by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. 3

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I never will yearn

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There are a few fruit diseases and insects that must be watched for in

ures of the cherry, but barrenness attributed to this may often be due to frost or wind at blossoming time, to neglect, and to other causes unknown. It is always safer to plant two or more suckers together. Barrenness is sometimes due to soil conditions, and fertilizer applications should help.

Impotency or inefficiency of pollen is one of the prime factors in fruit fall.

If the roll is over, timing becomes



# ONE SANDMAN STORY

## MR. CAT AND MR. FOX

ONCE there lived near a wood a big cat who was not afraid of dogs. All the cats were afraid of him. He grew so bold that he thought he was braver than any animal around.

One day he decided to live in the woods and live with the wood folk, and he had not gone very far when he met a fox. "Good-morning, friend," said the fox, "are you looking for a house?"

"Yes," replied the cat. "I am far too brave to live with the wood folk and dogs outside the woods. I can scare any of them, as I have decided to become wild and live in the woods."

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"That," said the fox, all the time thinking how he could use this ally cat to help him to scare the wood folk, "is a very good idea. It is large enough for a cat, and you grow big and get a tail like mine, and by that time you will be a fox of your own."

"Should like a tail like yours very much," replied the cat, who had not taken the eyes of the bushy tail of

ing but green stuff must you eat if you expect to get a tail like mine. You had better run out and eat your fill of grass and then run down the path to the river and drink all the water you can hold."

Though he did not care for this part of the plan, Mr. Cat cast one longing glance at the bushy tail he so coveted and out he ran.

When he returned Mr. Fox sat with his feet on the stove, tipped back in his chair, smoking. "Now wash the dishes and tidy up the place and then we will go to bed."

Mr. Cat was so hungry that he slyly licked the bones Mr. Fox had left and he was glad to go to sleep and forget he was hungry.

The next morning bright and early Mr. Fox had him out of bed to cook his breakfast—two plump chickens he had brought home very early.

"Exercise, my friend," he said, "plenty of it, or you will never grow a bushy tail. Perhaps you do not get enough exercise. Suppose you come with me tonight and help me get a chicken. That will give you a little more exercise than you get here."

Mr. Cat did not think it was lack of exercise that kept him from growing the bushy tail; but he trotted along with Mr. Fox that night up to the farm.

When they reached the poultry house Mr. Fox said: "Now you run in and drive them out and I will catch them. I am quicker than you at catching chickens."

While inside, Mr. Cat stepped on a trap, which held his foot fast.

"That's all," laughed Mr. Fox. "I thought so much," he said, jumping back to a safe distance.

"Come here and help me out of this thing," cried Mr. Cat, beginning to understand that Mr. Fox was friendly only to himself.

"I guess not, my friend," replied Mr. Fox. "I hope your tail grows big and bushy and you won't have to wait long to grow wild. You will be wild enough in a few minutes with the trap fastened to your paw." And off he ran, leaving poor Mr. Cat very unhappy.

"You are the one that has been catching my chickens," said the farmer, when he released Mr. Cat the next morning. And if the tracks of Mr. Fox had not been found it would have gone hard with Mr. Cat.

But Mr. Cat had no wish to run away. He stayed right there at the farm and in time he caught all the mice and rats that bothered the farmer and his wife and always he was the lookout for Mr. Fox. For all foxes looked alike to Mr. Cat and he intended to scratch out the eyes of any fox that he saw, hoping it would be the one that had tricked him.

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# The Scrap Book

## When Hand-Painted Wall Paper Was Used in Homes

The latest theories of interior decorating seem to favor making the walls of a room as unobtrusive and neutral a background as possible, but there was a time when wall paper, no less than furniture, played an important role in house decoration, says the Antiquarian of New York. The early nineteenth century hand-painted wall paper was considered a mark of distinction in any house, and the few examples of such papers that remain are highly prized by connoisseurs.

One of the finest specimens of such paper until recently adorned the walls of a country home near Chicago and has been presented to the Art Institute of that city as the gift of its owner, Mrs. Ernest Hicks of Hilldale.

This paper has traveled much and had many adventures since it was made in France in 1801. There it was purchased by a wealthy Vermont merchant who brought it home to sell. But the paper was not sold until 1830 when a thrifty Yankee bought it and stored it carefully away so that it was seen only on state occasions.

Finally, Mrs. Hicks discovered the paper and recognized its artistic as well as its historic interest.

It is very thick and tough, much like a tapestry, and the scene depicted is such as might have been woven into a tapestry, for it represents the battle of the Turks and the French army at Matarieh, March 29, 1800, when 10,000 Frenchmen under General Kleber, defeated 80,000 Turks. Kleber is shown seated on a white horse receiving a spear from one of the conquered enemy.

In another section of the wall paper, the general, mounted on a black horse, is shown thanking his soldiers for their bravery in battle. The flight of the grand vizier is shown in another panel. The coloring of the paper is rich.

Colors Have Various Effects on the Nerves

Do you know that colors have various effects on the nervous system? That is the reason the decorative scheme of a room should be carefully considered.

For a calming, cooling effect, if you are inclined to let little things get on your nerves, you could select no better shade than green or blue. They are known as "cold" colors, and have a decidedly cooling effect on temperament.

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## TO TEST BRAKES BY PORTABLE DEVICE

The Bureau of Standards of the United States has perfected a new, portable brake-testing device, which eliminates the personal equation in testing brakes and does away with measures road stretchers. The device consists essentially of a suspended weight which swings forward when the car slows down. It is oil-damped, to provide a sufficiently slow motion to permit a record to be made by a pen on a moving sheet of paper. Readings are direct, showing exactly how many feet are covered by the car between initial application of brakes and full stop. The device is said to eliminate the inaccuracy of previous methods of measurement of brakes, caused by the personal equation or brain lag in the operator. Thus, in other methods of testing, an operator is told "apply your brakes." If he takes half a second to respond, and his car is traveling at twenty miles an hour, the car moves fifteen feet between command and execution of it, which fifteen feet, of course, is counted in measuring the distance covered in the stopping test. The new device, being automatic, is not subject to error.

## HOOPER BACKS PLANS FOR NATIONAL SAFETY

Highway Accidents Increasing—Need for National Action Shown

According to statistics issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company there were 17 per cent more fatal automobile accidents in January than in the same month in 1923. Last year the company paid one million one hundred and forty four thousand dollars in death claims due to automobile accidents, the previous high figure being eight hundred and sixty seven thousand dollars in 1922.

Eight organizations have sent representatives to confer with Secretary of Commerce Hoover to coordinate safety work and devise a broad national program covering the subject.

Secretary Hoover, in calling the conference, pointed out a heavy increase in street and highway accidents all over the country due, in large measure, to the rapid increase of motor vehicles.

Those who conferred were Mr. Hoover, Eliot H. Goodwin, James L. Maden, A. B. Barber and Mr. John Hilder, of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Lew H. Palmer and W. H. Cameron of the National Safety Council; John B. Hope, of the American Automobile Association; Pyke Johnson, of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce; A. W. Whitney and W. J. Cox, of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters; James Hartness and L. W. Wallace, of the American Federated Engineering Society; R. H. Ashton, of the American Railway Association; H. B. Janisch, of the American Mutual Alliance, and Ernest Greenwood, associate editor of the Insurance Field.

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Continental Casualty Company, Hammond, Indiana

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$190,000.00

Mortgage Loans, 2,817,860.02

Collateral Loans, 8,000.00

Stocks and Bonds, 5,213,254.87

Cash in Office and Bank, 557,910.04

Agents' Balances, 72,477.29

Bills Receivable, 2,276.09

Interest and Rents, 147,753.58

All other Assets, 3,468,155.03

Gross Assets, \$12,518,932.40

Deduct items not admitted, 329,102.11

Admitted, \$12,189,830.29

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923

Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,332,509.29

Unearned Premiums, 5,169,833.53

All other Liabilities, 3,097,137.41

Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,900,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,189,830.29

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO.

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Mortgage Loans, \$1,001,830.00

Stocks and Bonds, 1,928,835.72

Cash in Office and Bank, 233,255.15

Agents' Balances, 435,540.13

Interest and Rents, 44,208.07

All other Assets, 29,102.22

Gross Assets, \$3,720,800.00

Deduct items not admitted, 61,476.79

Admitted, \$3,659,323.21

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923

Net Unpaid Losses, \$773,557.74

Unearned Premiums, 1,190,277.16

All other Liabilities, 291,531.38

Cash Capital, 800,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 605,867.53

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,659,323.21

THE FIDELITY & CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK, 32-36 LIBERTY ST., 97-108 CEDAR ST., NEW YORK CITY

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$1,296,833.53

Mortgage Loans, 50,000.00

Stocks and Bonds, 23,785,377.00

Cash in Office and Bank, 323,196.84

Agents' Balances, 3,655,872.87

Interest and Rents, 270,367.75

All other Assets, 613,472.50

Gross Assets, \$30,556,133.17

Deduct items not admitted, 1,450,531.95

Admitted, \$29,105,591.22

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923

Net Unpaid Losses, \$8,716,786.98

Unearned Premiums, 9,859,057.08

All other Liabilities, 1,577,824.52

Cash Capital, 4,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 4,901,514.79

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,055,101.89

MARYLAND CASUALTY CO., Baltimore, Md.

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$2,790,339.57

Mortgage Loans, 1,371,080.00

Stocks and Bonds, 22,085,057.08

Cash in Office and Bank, 1,295,702.58

Agents' Balances, 4,342,106.25

Bills Receivable, 55,533.70

Interest and Rents, 171,078.28

All other Assets, 564,430.61

Gross Assets, \$32,075,848.01

Deduct items not admitted, 594,299.35

Admitted Assets, \$32,081,548.26

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923

Net Unpaid Losses, \$9,986,712.71

Unearned Premiums, 10,171,775.33

All other Liabilities, 2,316,911.18

Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,606,150.04

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$32,081,548.26

SECURITY INSURANCE CO. OF NEW HAVEN

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$650,000.00

Mortgage Loans, 591,000.00

Collateral Loans, 15,000.00

Stocks and Bonds, 6,033,415.57

Cash in Office and Bank, 502,243.35

Agents' Balances, 760,707.58

Bills Receivable, 124,559.90

Interest and Rents, 71,822.57

All other Assets, 29,954.42

Gross Assets, \$8,570,818.08

Deduct items not admitted, 69,661.05

Admitted, \$8,501,157.03

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1923

Net Unpaid Losses, \$253,843.79

Unearned Premiums, 4,550,619.56

All other Liabilities, 1,030,833.33

Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,866,863.35

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,501,157.03

BOOTHBY UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., Edinburgh, Scotland

Assets Dec. 31, 1923



# VIOLA GWYN

George Barr McCutcheon

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She led him to a crudely constructed bench at the foot of a towering elm whose lower branches swept the fore-cloister of the roof.

"Let us sit here, Kenny dear," she said. "It is where I shall come and sit every night while you are gone away. It will be the trysting place for our thoughts."

"That's wonderful, Viola," he said, impressed. "The trysting place for our thoughts. Aye, and that it shall be. Every night, no matter where my body may go or what peril it may be in, I shall be here beside you in my thoughts."

She rested against him, in the crook of his strong right arm, her head against his shoulder, and they both fell silent and pensive under the spell of a wondrous enchantment.

After a while, she spoke, and there was a note of despair in her voice:

"What is to become of us, Kenny? What are we to do?"

"No power on earth can take you away from me now, Viola," he said. "Ah—that's it," she said miserably. "You call me Viola—and still you wonder why I ask what we are to do."

"You mean—about—"

"We can be nothing more to each other than we are now. There is someone else we must think of. I forgot her for a little while, Kenny—I was so happy that I forgot her."

"Were—over two souls so tried as ours," he groaned, and again silence fell between them.

Kneeling at the window from which Viola had peered so short a time before, looking down upon the figures under the tree, was Rachel Carter. She could hear their low voices, and her ears, made sharp by pain, caught the rapturous and the forlorn passages breathed upon the still air.

She arose stiffly and drew back into the darkness, out of the dim, starlit path, and standing there with her head high, her arms outspread, she made her solemn vow of self-renunciation.

"I have no right to stand between them and happiness. They have done so wrong. They do not deserve to be punished. My mind is made up. Tomorrow I shall speak. God has brought them together. It is not for me to keep them apart. Aye, tomorrow I shall speak."

Then Rachel Carter, at peace with herself, went back to her bed across the hall and was soon asleep, a smile upon her lips, the creases wiped from between her eyes as if by some magic soothing hand.

## CHAPTER XXIV

The Ending.

At crack-of-day Kenneth rode out of his stableyard on Miranda Boy, and went cantering away, followed on foot by the excited Zachariah, bound for the parade ground where the "soldiers" were to concentrate.

The rider turned in his saddle to wave farewell to the little group huddled at Rachel's gate—three tall women who waved back to him. Rounding the bend, he sent a swift glance over his shoulder. There was but one figure at the gate now; she blew a kiss to him.

Nearly three hundred horsemen moved out of Lafayette that forenoon amidst the greatest excitement and enthusiasm. Most of them swam their horses across the river, too eager to wait for the small ferry to transport them to the opposite bank. They were fearfully and wonderfully armed and equipped for the expedition. Guns of all descriptions and axes; pikes, staves, knives and daggers; accoutrements; pots and pans and kettles; blankets, knapsacks and parcels of varying sizes; in all a strange and motley assortment that would have caused a troop of regulars to die of laughter. But the valiant spirit was there. Even the provost and his frightened gentlemen who strapped cumbersome (in some cases voluminous) umbrellas (because of their extraneous contents) across their backs alongside the guns, were no more timorous than their swashbuckling neighbors who scorned the tempest even as they scoffed at the bloodthirsty redskins. Four heavily laden wagons brought up the rear.

Kenneth Gwynne rode beside the ubiquitous "Judge" Millings, who cheerfully and persistently sought to "wrap" horses with him when not otherwise employed in discouraging upon the vast inefficiency of certain specially named officers who rode in all their plumed glory at the head of the column. He was particularly out of sympathy with a loud-mouthed lieutenant.

"Why," said he, "if the captain was to say 'halt' suddenly that fellow'd lose his mind 'ryin' to think what to do. No more head on him than a grasshopper. And blue up there 'bout 'at

Gerw to a lot of bright fellows like you an' me an' the rest of us! By gosh, I'd like to be hidin' around where I could see the look on the Indian's face that scalps him. The minute he got through scrapin' a little hide an' half off of the top of that fellow's head he'd be able to see clear down to the back of his Adam's apple."

Historians have recorded the experiences and achievements of this gallant troop of horse. It is not the intention of the present chronicler to digress. Nine or ten days after they rode out from Lafayette, the majority of the company rode back again and were received with acclaim.

As a matter of fact, Black Hawk was at no time near the Indiana border. His operations were confined to northwestern Illinois.

Kenneth Gwynne did not go back to Lafayette with the main body of troops; he decided to join Captain McGeorge and his undaunted little band of adventurers.

He would have been amazed, even shocked, could he have known all that transpired in Lafayette on the day following his departure. He was not to know for many a day, as it was nearly three weeks after the return of the main body of troops that McGeorge and his little band rode wearily down through the Grand Prairie and entered the town, their approach being heralded by a scout sent on in advance.

Kenneth searched eagerly among the crowd on the river bank, seeking the face that had haunted him throughout all the lonesome days and nights; he looked for the beloved one to whom his thoughts had sped each night for communion at the foot of the blessed elm. She was nowhere to be seen. He was bitterly disappointed.

As soon as possible he escaped from his comrades and hurried home. There he learned from Rachel Carter herself that Viola had gone away, never to return to Lafayette again.

Mid-morning on the day after the troops rode away, Rachel Carter appeared at the office of her lawyer, Andrew Holman. There, in the course of the next hour, she calmly, unreservedly related the whole story of her life to the astonished and incredulous gentleman.

She did not consult with her daughter before taking this irrevocable step. She put it beyond her daughter's power to shake the resolution she had made on the eve of Kenneth's departure; she knew that Viola would cry out against the sacrifice and she was sorely afraid of her own strength in the presence of her daughter's anguish. "I shall put it all in the paper," she said, regarding the distressed, pimpling face of the lawyer with a grim, almost taunting smile, as if she actually relished his consternation. "What I want you to do, first of all, Andrew, is to prepare some sort of affidavit, setting forth the facts, which I will sign and swear to. It needn't be a long document. The shorter the better. Just so it makes everything clear."

"But, my dear Mrs. Gwynne, this—this may disprove you of everything," remonstrated the agitated man of law. "The fact that you were never the wife of Robert—"

"Your memory needs refreshing," she interrupted. "If you will consult Robert Gwynne's will you will discover that he leaves half of his estate, at least, to my beloved and faithful companion and housemate, Rachel, who, with me, has assumed the name of Gwynne for the rest of her life in view of certain circumstances which render the change in the spelling of my name advisable, notwithstanding the fact that in signing this, my last will and testament, I recognize the necessity of affixing my true and legal name. You and I know the sentence by heart, Andrew."

"Of course, if the will reads as you say—er—ahem! But it has just occurred to me, Mrs. Gwynne, that you are going a little farther than is really necessary in the matter. May I suggest that you are not—er—obliged to reveal the fact that you were never married to him? That, it seems to me, is quite unnecessary. If, as you say, your object is merely to set matters straight so that your daughter and Mr. Gwynne may be free to marry, being in no sense related either by blood or by law—such as would have been the case if you had married Kenneth's father, why, it seems to me you can avoid a great deal of unpleasant publicity by—er—leaving out that particular admission."

"No," she said, firmly. "Thank you for your kind advice, but, if you will reflect, it is out of the question. You forget what you have just said. For a lawyer, my dear friend, you are surprisingly stupid today."

"I see—I see," muttered the lawyer, smothering his brow. "Of course—er—you are quite right. You are a very level-headed woman. Quite so. I would have thought of it in another moment or two. You can't leave out that part of it without—er—nullifying the whole object and intent of your—er—ahem—I was about to say confession, but that is a nasty word. In other words, unless you acknowledge that you and Robert were never lawfully married, the—"

"Exactly," she broke in crisply. "That is the gist of the matter. Society does not recognize marriage between stepbrother and step-sister. So we will tell the whole truth—or nothing at all."

As she was leaving the office, he said to her, with deep feeling: "I suppose you realize the consequences, Mrs. Gwynne. It means ostracism for you. You will not have a friend in this town—not a person who will speak to you, aside from the store-keepers who will value your custom only—the bowed deeply—your husband's name."

"I fully appreciate what it means," she responded wearily. "It means that if I continue to hold my head up or dare to look my neighbor in the face I shall be called brazen as well as corrupt," she went on after a moment, a sardonic little twist at the corner of her mouth. "Well, so be it. I have thought of all that. Have no fear for me, my friend. I have never been afraid of the dark—so why should I fear the light?"

"You're a mighty fine woman, Rachel Gwynne," cried the lawyer, warmly.

She frowned as she held out her hand. "None of that, if you please," she remarked tersely. "Will you have the paper ready for me to sign this afternoon?"

"I will submit it to you right after dinner."

"You may expect me here at two o'clock. We will then step over to the Free Press and allow Mr. Semians to copy the document for his paper." She allowed herself a faint smile. "I dare say he can make room for it, even if he has to subtract a little from his account of the stirring events of yesterday."

"Your story will make a great sensation," declared the lawyer, wiping his brow once more. "He can't afford to—er—leave it out."

At two o'clock she was in his office again. He read the carefully prepared document to her.

"This is like signing your own death warrant," Rachel Gwynne, he said painfully, as she affixed her signature and held up her hand to be sworn.

"No. I am signing a pardon for two guiltless people who are suffering for the sins of others."

"That reminds me," he began, pursing his lips. "I have been reflecting during your absence. Has it occurred to you that this act of yours is certain to react with grave consequences upon the very people you would—er—benefit? Your daughter will not escape this—er—ignominy of being—ahem—of being your daughter, in fact. Young Gwynne will find his position here very greatly affected by the—"

"I quite understand all that, Andrew. I am not thinking of the present so much as I am considering the future. The past, so far as we all are concerned, is easily disposed of, but these two young people have a long life ahead of them. It is not my idea that they shall spend it here in this town—or even in this state."

"You mean you will urge them to leave Lafayette forever?"

"Certainly."

"But if I know Viola—and I think I do—she will refuse to desert you. As for Gwynne, he strikes me as a fellow who would not turn tail under fire."

"In any case, Andrew, it will be for them to decide. Kenneth had already established himself as a lawyer back in the old home town. I shall urge him to return to that place with Viola as soon as they are married. His father was a Mythe. There is no blot upon the name of Mythe. Her father was an honest, God-fearing, highly respected man. His name and his memory are untarnished. No man can say anything against the half of Kenneth that is Mythe, nor the half of Viola that is Carter. I should like the daughter of Owen Carter to go back and live among his people as the wife of the son of Laura Mythe, and to honorably bear the name that was denied me by a Gwynne."

He looked at her shrewdly for a moment and then, as the full significance of her plan grew upon him, revealing in a flash the motive behind it, he exclaimed:

"Well, by gosh, you certainly have done an almighty lot of calculating."

"And why shouldn't I? She is my child. Is it likely that I would give myself the worst of everything without seeing to it that she gets the best of everything? No, my friend; you must not underestimate my intelligence. I will speak plainly to you—but in confidence. This is between you and me. There is no love lost between Kenneth Gwynne and me. He hates me and always will, no matter how hard he may try to overcome it. In a different way I hate him. We must not be where we can see each other. I am sorely afraid that the tender love he now has for Viola would fall to outlast the hatred he feels toward me. I leave you to imagine what that would mean to her. He has it in his power to give her a place among his people. He can force them to honor and respect her, and her children will be their children. Do you see? Need I say more?"

"You need say nothing more. I understand what you want, Mrs. Gwynne, and I must say that you are in a sense justified. What is to become of young Gwynne's property here in this county?"

"I think I can be trusted to look after it suitably," she said quietly. "Perhaps even better than I could do for him—if I am a far woman."

"I thought maybe you had some notion of buying him out."

"He would not sell to me. His farm is being properly handled by the present tenant. His lot here in town cannot run away. The time will come when they will be very valuable, or I am no prophetess. There is nothing to keep him here, Andrew, and he is rarely looked after as my son."

"We will be sorry to lose him as a citizen."

"If you are ready, we will step over to the Free Press office," she said, without a sign that she had heard his remark.

They crossed the square and turned

up the first street to the left. This will be a terrible shock to your daughter," said the lawyer, breaking a long silence.

"She will survive it," replied Rachel Gwynne sententiously.

He laid his hand on her arm. "Will you accept a bit of advice from me?"

They stopped. "I am not above listening to it," she replied.

"My advice is to postpone this action until you are sure of one thing."

"And what may that be?"

"Kenneth Gwynne's safe return from this foray against the Indians. He may not come back alive."

"He will come back alive," said she, in a cool, matter-of-fact tone. "It is so ordained. I know. Come, we are wasting time. I have much to do between now and tonight. Bright and early tomorrow morning my daughter and I are leaving town."

"Leaving town?" he cried, astonished.

"I am taking her out in the country—to the farm. If I can prevent it, she shall never put foot in this town again. You know Phineas Striker? An honest, loyal man, with a wife as good as gold. When Kenneth Gwynne marches back to town again he will find me here to greet him. I will tell him where to find Viola. Out at Striker's farm, my friend, she will be waiting for him to come and claim his own."

A smile he did not understand and never was to understand played about her lips as she continued dryly, for such was the manner of this amazing woman:

"He will even find that her wedding gown is quite as much to his fancy as it was the day he met her."

[THE END.]

## The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE

XXVI.—MICHIGAN



THE French missionaries and fur traders were the first whites to penetrate into Michigan.

Their first visits to this region date back to 1610. It was not until 1668, however, that the first actual settlement was made.

This was the mission at Sault Sainte Marie, founded by Father Marquette. Mackinac was established a few years later, and Detroit's growth was slow.

After the French and Indian wars the English took over this territory, and in 1774 it was formally declared a part of Canada.

Detroit rapidly grew in importance and during the Revolution was the base of operations for many raids by the British and Indians against the Americans.

By the terms of the treaty of Paris in 1763 this region became a part of the United States. What is now Michigan, Wisconsin, a part of Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was known as the Northwest Territory. After Ohio was set off as a separate state the Lower Peninsula of Michigan was joined to Indiana territory. In 1805 Michigan became a separate territory with about its present boundaries.

There was, however, a great dispute over a small strip of land in the extreme southern portion which was claimed by Ohio. This almost led to bloodshed, but was finally settled by Michigan releasing her claim to the disputed area and receiving as compensation an addition to the Upper Peninsula. On this basis Michigan was admitted to the Union in 1837 and became the twenty-sixth state.

Michigan has a unique situation, as it is bounded by the three largest of the Great Lakes, and divided into two peninsulas. This gives it a coast line larger in proportion to its area than any of the other states. It is named after Lake Michigan, which is the Algonquin word, "Michigama," meaning "great sea." It is entitled to 15 votes in the electoral college.

(By McTigue Newspaper Syndicate)

A Mixed Effect.

"Somebody has invented a motor-car with a gasoline body."

"A great many people conduct their entire careers on that gasoline."

A Delightful Shock.

Sam: How did you get along? I hear he will run away from him!

Lucy: He looks quite calmly now, but at first he was wild with joy!

## THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Although I've few treasures I never will yearn for the riches and fame I can't reach. With lots of possessions I might not have time to get all the pleasure from each.

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY

The young lady across the way says garbages is probably the most prevalent disease, and she understands that 15 per cent of the American people are garbagulous.

## Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

### YOUR IMAGINATION

GIVE your imagination free rein, especially if it is of the constructive kind, taking you to new heights beyond those of yesterday. The greatest achievements of yesterday, if we are to progress, must be outdone today.

An original thought is but one more step towards another, destined, perhaps, to revolutionize accepted standards and set at naught much of our boasted knowledge with its many deficiencies of precise information.

By imagination the countries of the world have been brought closer together. News that was once brought by mounted couriers riding day and night, is now flashed through the air by means of electricity, reaching to all parts of the world and surpassing in its flight the speed of light. When Samuel Morse dreamed of the telegraph he annihilated distance and brought the poles of the earth together.

Thousands of miles from the forecasting station, millions of people listen daily to the radio carrying its lilting music and stirring voices through invisible paths of air.

These modern wonders, mystical, startling, had their birth in the imagination of men who continued to pay court to fancy, while their narrow visioned friends jeered and mocked.

Do not criticize the boy who goes castle-building, or prefers by choice to dwell apart from others.

Manifest interest in his thoughts and give him encouragement.

You cannot surmise where a boy of this type may be leading, or what in future years he may do for the uplift of the world and the comforts and delights of his peoples.

That the boys of today are destined to surpass the boys of yesterday, may be accepted as a foregone conclusion; indeed, it can be counted upon as a certainty.

The result of their imagination, heightened by better schooling, and let us hope greater encouragement, will be seen in the next generation in the revelation of things which the visionist of today has not yet dreamed.

Every analysis of what has been done in the past reveals the probability of something more startling awaiting the imaginative brains of the boys of today. Give them an opportunity to show their ingenuity. Encourage their imagination and cheer them on!

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## A WOMAN IN THE HOUSE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A WOMAN in the house, to me, is like the sunlight on the sea, is like the roses by the road, is like the laughter with the lead.

As stars make beautiful the night, And flowers, gardens give delight, Yes, all that beauty does for you, A woman in the house will do.

A woman in the house will make An after-her for hearts that ache, Will build a shrine amid life's sin To worship God, and ask Him in.

For you who wander, you who weep, A woman in the house will keep A candle burning evermore— She is a lighthouse on the shore.

A woman in the house is like The sun's declining rays that strike Your windows when the day is old, And turn your window panes to gold.

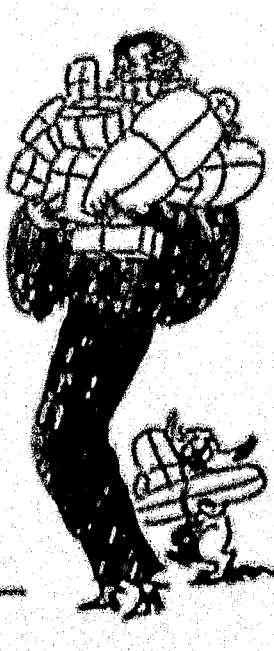
A man may build a house of h's; A woman in the house it is, Through joy and sorrow, dawn and gloom,

That takes his house and makes it home.

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## The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says garbages is probably the most prevalent disease, and she understands that 15 per cent of the American people are garbagulous.



## ORCHARD GLEANINGS

MOIST, COOL SOILS. BEST FOR CURRANTS

In order to have currants bear choice fruit and plenty of it, plant the bushes in moist, cool soil. Clay loam, or even stiff clay, is good for currants. Some shade is not objectionable, hence the reason why currants do so well in orchards as an intercrop. It is well to remember, though, that they may be a little hard on trees.

If they are set out on good soil, and properly cared for, a dozen plants will be sufficient for the average family. Don't set them along a garden fence and let the grass and weeds grow up among them, says a writer in the Successful Farmer. Work plenty of good barnyard manure into the soil before and after setting the bushes.

The bushes should be set four feet apart in the row and the rows should be six feet apart. Shallow cultivation is best, because if you cultivate too deeply you will injure the roots. Ashes, manure and sawdust make very good mulches. Confine the mulch to the hills and within the row and cultivate between the rows.

Two and three-year-old bushes produce the most and best fruits. On older wood the fruit is likely to be much smaller. Hence the urgent need of pruning out the old wood.

Four to eight main stems must be left to bear fruit. Nip back the new shoots in the summer when they are about eighteen inches high, as the fruits are borne near the ground.

The bushes will winter in all places except where there is a very severe climate without protection.

The worst insect pest on currants is the currant worm. This worm will eat all the leaves from the bushes in a few days. To kill these worms, spray the bushes with white hellebore, using one teaspoonful to a gallon of water. This material loses strength from standing, so be sure you are using fresh powder.

Mildew is the worst disease of the currant. The leaves become covered with a white mold and dry up. To prevent this, spray the bushes with bordeaux mixture when the leaves appear, and repeat every two weeks, until the fruit sets. Then substitute potassium sulphate for bordeaux mixture, using a half ounce to a gallon of water.

## Star Boarders Are Now Found in Some Orchards

Campaigns against star boarders are no longer confined to dairy herds and poultry flocks. Orchardists are next on the list, says the Michigan Farmer. To tell all star boarders from an orchard, the most efficient way is to keep tabs on individual trees. Such records, experience has proven, will quickly point out the unprofitable trees and varieties.

One Ohio man who has started to keep records on the individual trees in his orchard, using the record blanks and instructions provided by the extension folk, finds that some trees show a gain of \$35.95 on market value over production cost, while others in the same orchard show a loss of \$2.05 in a year. These figures do not include harvesting and marketing costs.

Of the 417 trees in this farmer's orchard, 102, or more than 25 per cent, showed a loss.

Orchardists who keep such individual tree records, the specialists in horticulture point out, can readily pick out the star boarders. Then they can topwork these to desirable varieties, or else remove them to make way for young trees of profitable varieties adapted to the locality.

## Spraying for Diseases and Injurious Insects

There are a few fruit diseases and insects that may be sprayed for in late winter or early spring. Lime-sulphur spray may be applied to apple trees for cyar shell and San Jose scale. This same spray should be applied to peaches to check leaf curl and fruit rot.

Bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead is used on apple trees just before the leaves appear and later, just before the blossoms open. These sprays are to control bad moths, leaf-eating insects, and other pests that cause the blossoms appear in the most important to control such in apples and peaches.

Before the blossoms on cherry trees open, the trees should be sprayed with bordeaux mixture for fruit rot. As the same stage, plums should be sprayed with bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead for curculionids and fruit rot. Grapes should be sprayed before growth starts with bordeaux mixture for grape rot.

## Impotency of Pollen Is Cause of Fruit Failure

Impotency or inefficiency of pollen is one of the prime factors in fruit failure of the cherry, but barometer attributed to this may often be due to frost or wind at blossoming time, to neglect, and to other causes unknown. It is always safer to plant two or more varieties together. Barometer is sometimes due to soil conditions and fertilizer applications should be given. Cherry trees need considerable lime and if the soil is sour, liming benefits.



